

Voluntary Water Conservation Measures

Reduced demands for water and an easing of drought conditions have enabled City of Bloomington Utilities to lift the mandatory water restrictions that were put in place on August 13, 2012. The lifting of these restrictions will go into effect on September 12, 2012.

Because of the continued potential for spikes in demand due to drought or other causes, Utilities asks for your continued assistance in conserving water by following these voluntary conservation measures.

1. Minimize Outdoor Watering with City of Bloomington Utilities Water

- a. Residents and businesses are encouraged voluntarily to limit watering of established lawns and trees to once a week.
- b. New sod and seed should only be watered as necessary.
- c. Although not required, it is recommended that all watering occur before 10 a.m. and after 6 p.m.

2. Minimize Hosing / Washing

- a. Hosing paved areas, such as sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, tennis courts, patios, or other impervious surfaces, except to alleviate an immediate health or safety hazard is discouraged.
- b. Hosing buildings or other structures for purposes other than fire protection or surface preparation prior to painting is discouraged.

3. Minimize Runoff / Waste / Leaks:

- a. Avoid the use of water in such a manner that allows runoff or other waste.
- b. Repair all controllable leaks, including but not limited to a leaking valve, leaking or broken pipes, or a leaking faucet.

4. Other outdoor water uses:

- a. When washing vehicles, use a bucket and sponge, or a commercial car wash, or commercial service station.
- b. Vehicle washing is permitted if required by applicable local, state, or federal law for public health or public safety reasons.
- c. Avoid the use of an automatic fill valve since this can hide the presence of leaks.
- d. Avoid the use of water for dust control, except as required to protect public health and safety.

To learn more please visit the City's website at: <http://bloomington.in.gov/utilities>.

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